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(SBU) Following post's delivery of suggested Iraqi diplomatic note text (ref A) to MFA and follow-up engagements with the Office of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister (reported ref B), MFA Neighboring States director Amb. Taha Shukur Al-Abassi informed Deputy Pol-Mil Counselor 13 December that the MFA had instructed the Iraqi ambassador in Ankara to deliver the message to the GOT immediately. As discussed ref B, we recommend Embassy Ankara engage with Iraqi counterparts in Ankara to ensure this next stage of the Hub renewal process moves forward expeditiously. CROCKER